

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Lloyd Wolfinbarger, Jr.

Appl. No.: 08/895,203

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For: **Process and Composition for Cleaning Soft Tissue Grafts Optionally Attached to Bone, and Soft Tissue Grafts Produced Thereby**



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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

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The Assistant Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700

Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted responsive to the Office Action issued in the above-identified application dated January 7, 1999, along with a petition for a three-month extension of time and our check no: in the amount of \$435.00 to cover the extension of time, making a response due to be filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on or before July 7, 1999.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 5, 28, and 31-34 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new claims 35 and 36.

- 35. A soft tissue graft suitable for transplantation into a human, comprising:
a soft tissue graft essentially free from blood deposits, bacteria particles, virus particles and fungus particles, produced by the process comprising:
sonicating said soft tissue with a solvent comprising one or more detergents
in an ultrasonic cleaner at a temperature and for a time period effective to produce cleaned soft tissue essentially free from blood deposits.

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